

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 9 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1 and 9 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to eliminate the non-supported limitations highlighted in the Office Action at paragraph 4.

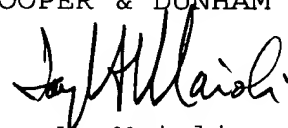
In particular, the "decrease" limitation has been removed and replaced by --returning to said initial speed-- and the "accelerating" limitation has been removed and replaced by --increasing at said predetermined speed--, as described in page 8, lines 5-15 of the present application, for example.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the limitations of amended claims 1 and 9 are clearly supported in the specification and that amended claims 1 and 9 meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 9 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Four Times Amended) A control apparatus having a first command means to increase [or decrease] at a predetermined speed from an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to increase [or decrease] at said predetermined speed from said initial speed a second parameter when activated and responsive to the alternate activation of said first and second command means, said control apparatus comprising:

means for [accelerating] increasing at said predetermined speed [of increase or decrease of one of] said first and second parameters when one of said first command means and said second command means is activated continuously;

means for judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

means for maintaining said [accelerated] predetermined speed of increase [or decrease] of said second parameter equal to said first parameter when said first and second command means are alternately activated and said similarity is found by said means for judging similarity and for returning to said

[predetermined] initial speed of [increase or decrease] when said similarity is not found.

--9. (Four Times Amended) A control method using a first command means to increase [or decrease] at a predetermined speed from an initial speed a first parameter and a second command means to increase [or decrease] at said predetermined speed from said initial speed a second parameter when activated and responsive to the alternate activation of said first and second command means, said control method comprising the steps of:

[accelerating] increasing at said predetermined speed [of increase or decrease of] one of said first and second parameters when one of said first and second command means is activated continuously;

judging similarity of alternate actions made by said first and second command means; and

maintaining said [accelerated] predetermined speed of increase [or decrease] of said second parameter equal to said first parameter when said first and second command means are alternately activated and said similarity is found by said step of judging similarity and for returning to said [predetermined] initial speed [of increase or decrease] when said similarity is not found.--